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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

For:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated August 10, 2004 for which a shortened statutory period for reply expired on <u>September 10, 2004</u>. A Petition for a five-month Extension of Time is filed herewith extending the time for response up to and including February 10, 2005. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0426 in the amount of \$1,080.00. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Election and Remarks.